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SUBJECT: VISIT TO AFRICA BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG

MISSION MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING ALLIES ON  
RECENT VISIT TO AFRICA BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

1. US AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ANDREW YOUNG  
TRAVELED TO AFRICA ON FEBRUARY 1, 1977 TO REPRESENT THE  
US AT AFRICAN CELEBRATIONS IN TANZANIA AND NIGERIA.

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THE TRIP PROVIDED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ITS FIRST  
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AND TO HEAR  
THEIR VIEWS ON THE CONTINENT'S CRUCIAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY  
THOSE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. ENROUTE TO AFRICA, AMBASSADOR YOUNG STOPPED IN LONDON  
TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH LEADERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN

PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING NEGOTIATIONS ON RHODESIA. HE CONSULTED WITH THE LATE FOREIGN MINISTER ANTHONY CROSLAND AND WITH UK AMBASSADOR TO THE UN IVOR RICHARD, THEN ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM CONSULTATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ALSO SAW COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL SONNY RAMPHAL IN LONDON.

3. THE AMBASSADOR VISITED TANZANIA FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO 7 TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MERGER OF THE AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY AND THE TANGANYIKAN AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION AND TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF TANZANIA'S ARUSHA DECLARATION OF SOCIALISM. WHILE IN ZANZIBAR FOR THE CELEBRATIONS, AMBASSADOR YOUNG MET WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA, VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE OF BOTSWANA, PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE OF SOMALIA, THE HEADS OF STATE OF BURUNDI AND RWANDA, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMOROS, AND SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA.

4. IN CONVERSATIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, NYERERE ADVISED THAT THE US CONTINUE TO DEFER TO THE BRITISH LEAD ON RHODESIA BUT PRESSED US TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT. KAUNDA, ON THE OTHER HAND, URGED THE US TO TAKE OVER FROM THE BRITISH THE MAIN NEGOTIATING ROLE ON RHODESIA. THE MEETING WITH SAM NUJOMA RESULTED IN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS BUT PROVIDED A FRIENDLY EXCHANGE.

5. IN THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE  
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OF SOMALIA, THE PRESIDENT UNDERScoreD THE POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. SIAD BARRE DENIED THAT SOVIET BASES EXISTED IN SOMALIA BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD OFFERED THE SOVIETS "FACILITIES." HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE THE SOMALIS ONE MONTH NOTICE FOR A SHIP TO CALL AT A SOMALI PORT.

6. AMBASSADOR YOUNG STOPPED OVER BRIEFLY IN KENYA EN ROUTE TO NIGERIA. HE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA. WAIYAKI STRESSED THE CONTINUING NEED FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA.

7. IN NIGERIA AMBASSADOR YOUNG ATTENDED SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE SECOND WORLD AND BLACK FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN LAGOS AND KADUNA. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH NIGERIAN LEADERS, YOUNG SAW ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT MOBUTO, TOGO PRESIDENT EYADEMA, ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO, AND NIGER PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE. HE ALSO PAID BRIEF COURTESY

CALLS ON CAMEROONIAN PRESIDENT AHIDJO, MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AND UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT LAMIZANA.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE VISIT WAS A FOUR HOUR MEETING WITH NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO, WHICH ONE NIGERIAN NEWSPAPER CHARACTERIZED AS "PROBABLY THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS THE HEAD OF STATE HAS EVER HAD WITH A VISITING DIGNITARY."

8. THE MEETING WITH OBASANJO COVERED NOT ONLY US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS, BUT ALSO US AND NIGERIAN POSITIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS KOREA, NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES, WORLD OIL PRICES AND AFRICAN ISSUES. THE MEETING EFFECTIVELY RE-ESTABLISHED A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND NIGERIANS. BILATERAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN STRAINED IN THE PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENTS OVER ANGOLA. THESE STRAINS WERE AT THEIR WORST WHEN NIGERIA REFUSED TO RECEIVE  
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SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS AFRICAN TRIP LAST APRIL.

9. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN PARTICULAR, THE NIGERIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT GETTING THE RHODESIAN TALKS STARTED AGAIN. THEY INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TO BRING THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS TOGETHER WITH THE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS AND TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON A DEFINITE NEW SET OF PROPOSALS BY THE AFRICAN PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT. THEY UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US EXERTING EVERY PRESSURE ON THE SMITH REGIME TO ACCEDE TO MAJORITY RULE. YOUNG AND THE NIGERIANS ALSO EXPLORED WAYS TO PERHAPS INITIATE DISCUSSIONS TOWARD A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, WHICH PROVIDES FOR FREE ELECTIONS FOR NAMIBIA.

10. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO CAME AT THE SUGGESTION OF NIGERIAN LEADERS. AMBASSADOR YOUNG LISTENED CAREFULLY TO NETO'S COMMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ON ANGOLA'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE US. AMBASSADOR YOUNG REITERATED THE STATEMENT BY SECRETARY VANCE THAT THE US WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS BUT CANNOT CONDONE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG UNDERTOOK TO REPORT NETO'S COMMENTS TO THE USG ON HIS RETURN.

11. AMBASSADOR YOUNG STOPPED IN LONDON ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE US TO REPORT ON HIS TRIP TO FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS. THE MEETING, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE, WAS PART OF A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS THE US HAS HELD WITH THE UK IN THE LAST

MONTH TO REVISE THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS ON RHODESIA.

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